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Staff meeting.

I had a talk afterwards with Wilson Compton about IIA.

This afternoon I talked to Messrs. Fonbright and MacArthur regarding the telephone conversation I had this morning with Foster Dulles concerning his forthcoming trip to Europe with Governor Stassen to make a swing around the EDC countries. He wants Doug MacArthur to go with him. They are leaving toward [redacted] the end of the month and will stay about ten days.

We had a Little Cabinet dinner tonight at Anderson House with the President as our guest of honor. Each person paid $20.40 for dinner and $5.20 as a contribution toward the silver bowl and two candelabra [redacted] presented by Ed Foley on behalf of the group to the President. I offered a toast and the President responded with quite a long and [redacted] friendly speech addressed to the Little Cabinet. The Army had donated an orchestra and the whole thing passed off excellently. Miss Dougherty was the ringmaster and the banker for the occasion -- the accounts will be [redacted] involved -- [redacted] had it not been for her I doubt whether the affair would have come off.

Afterwards I went with Tom Finletter to his daughter's house [redacted] to spend an hour, [redacted]

Meanwhile, E. had gone to the theatre with Polly Wisner.

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